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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:  
[0021] Figure 8 shows a section plan view ~~through line A—A~~ showing another embodiment of the present invention ~~in~~ the closed or retracted position.

Kindly replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:  
[0022] Figure 9 shows a section plan view ~~through line A—A~~ of the embodiment of Figure 8 showing the articulating compartment being opened into the interior of the vehicle compartment.

Kindly replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:  
[0023] Figure 10 shows a section plan view ~~through line A—A~~ of the embodiment of Figure 8 showing the articulating compartment in the fully opened position.

Kindly replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:  
[0032] Referring now to Figures 8, 9 and 10, there is shown a section plan view ~~through line A—A or Figure 1~~ illustrating the opening of another preferred embodiment of the present invention. Particularly there is shown in Figure 8 a vehicle exterior metal panel 200, a door trim panel 100 with the articulating storage compartment of the present invention 10 mounted in said door trim panel 100. Articulating storage compartment 10 comprises storage bin 1, with access lip 2, and having a pair of sidewalls 3. Sidewalls 3 have a boss 5 molded therein into which articulation guide trough 4 being part of door trim panel 100 guides the articulating movement of storage bin 1. Sidewalls 3 also have a rotational bore 6 molded therein into which rotational boss 7 projects to allow the bottom of storage bin 1 to rotate during articulation. Also shown is spring 80 having one end mounted on spring retaining clip 81, and the other end of spring 80 being mounted in boss 5. Said spring 80 holds the storage bin 1 in the fully closed and fully open positions. The front end of articulation guide trough 4 has a locking detent portion 4A to keep the storage bin 1 in a closed position until an occupant wishes to access the interior of the storage bin 1.